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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA DISAGGREGATION: SPC MEETING JUNE 21

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REF: (A) NATO 5539 (DTG 171553Z JUN 77),

(B) STATE 142608 (DTG 201720Z JUN 77)

1. SPC ON JUNE 21 RETURNED TO THE ISSUE OF DATA DISAGGREGATION.

2. CANADIAN REP (BACON) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT DISCLAIMER CIRCULATED BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF (TEXT IN PARA 4, REF A). HOWEVER, THEY DOUBTED THE VALUE OF PROVIDING THE NOTE FOR THE INFORMATION

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OF THE AD HOC GROUP (WHICH REFERENCES THE NAC GUIDANCE ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS). HE SAID THAT THE COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT IS NOT CALLED INTO QUESTION BY THE DATA DISCUSSION.

3. FRG REP (CITRON) REPLIED TO CANADIAN REP THAT HIS AUTHORITIES ARE KEEN ON THESE REFERENCES TO AGREED NAC

GUIDANCE. IN ADDITION, BONN DID NOT FEEL THAT THIS WAS ONLY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AD HOC GROUP. THESE POSITIONS SHOULD BE DEFENDED, IF NECESSARY, AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. THE GUIDANCE SHOULD MAKE THIS CLEAR.

4. DANISH REP (TILLISCH) SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT THE WORDING OF THE PRESENT DRAFT DISCLAIMER.

5. US REP (MOORE) NOTED THAT DRAFTING ON DISCLAIMERS AND OTHER ISSUES CAN ONLY BE TENTATIVE UNTIL AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE FORM OF DISAGGREGATION. HAVING SAID THAT, THE PRESENT LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT DISCLAIMER WOULD BE BROADLY ACCEPTABLE. HE SAID THAT WE WOULD NOT WANT TO DO AS FRG REP HAD JUST SUGGESTED, AND IN EFFECT RELEASE THE INTERNAL ALLIANCE POSITION ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS TO THE AHG. THE AHG HAS NO PRESENT NEED TO USE THIS LANGUAGE. IN FACT, USE OF THIS INTERNAL POSITION AT THIS TIME WOULD SIMPLY LEAD THE EAST TO FOCUS MORE ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS, AND LESS ON THE DATA DISCUSSION THROUGH WHICH WE HOPE TO ADVANCE KEY POSITIONS SUCH AS THE COMMON COLLECTIVE CEILING. US REP AGREED WITH CANADIAN REP THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE LANGUAGE OF THE SORT CONTAINED IN THE PRESENT DISCLAIMER'S NOTE FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE AHG. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS SORT OF NOTE, SIMPLY RECALLING EXISTING POSITIONS, HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE FRG REP AT THE LAST MEETING, AND SEEMED A REASONABLE SECRET

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COMPROMISE SOLUTION.

6. FRG REP SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES DO NOT WISH TO REQUIRE THE AHG IMMEDIATELY TO USE THE INTERNAL POSITION ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS, BUT RATHER TO GIVE THE AHG THE FLEXIBILITY TO USE IT WHEN NECESSARY. US REP NOTED THAT A DECISION FURTHER TO DEVELOP WITH THE EAST THE WESTERN POSITION ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS WOULD SEEM TO BE A POLICY DECISION. HENCE HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD WISH TO RELEASE THE INTERNAL WESTERN POSITION TO THE AHG FOR USE WHEN THE AHG DEEMED NECESSARY.

7. FRG REP URGED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF BEGIN DRAFTING GUIDANCE TO COVER THE OTHER ISSUES. HE NOTED THAT THE FRG WAS AWARE OF THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY ON "OTHER PERSONNEL" AND WAS STUDYING THIS QUESTION. UK REP (HOLMER) SAID THAT THE UK WISHES THE SPC TO START WORK ON GUIDANCE TO THE AHG ON OTHER ISSUES, WITH SQUARE BRACKETS, BUT NOT TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE MAIN ISSUE, I.E., THE NEED TO SUB-DIVIDE BY NATIONALITY THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" NOT INCLUDED IN MAJOR UNITS. SUCH A TEXT WOULD BE VERY TENTATIVE, AND IN PARTICULAR THERE CAN BE NO FINAL AGREEMENT ON

A DISCLAIMER UNTIL WE KNOW WHAT IS BEING DISCLAIMED. HE ALSO STATED UK VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO PROPOSE EXCHANGE OF DIVISIONAL DATA AT THE OUTSET IN ORDER NOT TO FRIGHTEN OFF THE OTHER SIDE. FRG REP NOTED THE NEED TO LEAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE INITIAL PROPOSAL TO THE OTHER SIDE, AND TO TAKE THE EASTERN RESPONSE INTO ACCOUNT, WHICH WOULD LET THE OTHER SIDE PLAY A PART IN SHAPING THE EXCHANGE.

8. US REP STATED THE US VIEW ON AIR MANPOWER, PER REF B.

9. SPC AGREED THAT IS SHOULD NOW PREPARE A TEXT OF DRAFT

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GUIDANCE ON THE OTHER ISSUES TO HELP FOCUS SPC DISCUSSION.

10. NEXT SPC MEETING ON MBFR WILL BE THURSDAY, JUNE 23.

11. COMMENT: CITRON INFORMS US THAT RUTH DID NOT ACCEPT THE "NOTE FOR THE INFO OF THE AHG ONLY" IN THE IS TEXT, BUT INSTEAD WISHES TO AUTHORIZE THE AHG TO USE THE INTERNAL ALLIED POSITION ON PHASE II REDUCTION COMMITMENTS, IF NECESSARY, AT ITS DISCRETION. SINCE SUCH AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE A STEP TOWARD EVENTUAL USE OF THE INTERNAL POSI-

TION WITH THE EAST, WE BELIEVE THE US SHOULD OPPOSE IT ON
GROUNDS THAT ANY EVENTUAL USE OF THE INTERNAL ALLIED POSI-
TION WOULD BE A POLICY MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE DECIDED BY
THE COUNCIL. THE FURTHEST THE US SHOULD GO ON THIS POINT,
IF NECESSARY, IS A STATEMENT THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING
RAPIDLY TO CONSIDER ANY FINDING BY THE AHG THAT USE OF THE
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